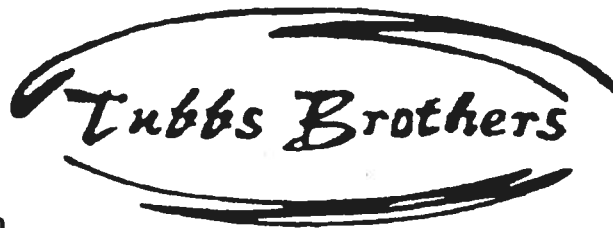


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May 7, 2013

**Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing MI 48909-7514
c/o Mr. Dean Berden**

To whom it may concern:

It has come to our attention that our recent installation of a solar energy system will now be taxed under local property taxes at a cost which makes the benefits of the system negligible. When we were approached about installing this system we were skeptical because of the high cost of purchase and installation. After a complete evaluation of all of the incentives available we still found it to be a borderline proposition considering the reliance on consistent government policy and the ever fluctuating regulatory climate. We had already been purchasing our electricity through an alternative source (Integrus) at a significantly lower rate than that available through DTE so after everything was said and done, our green energy project was nearly a wash. However, we thought we were doing something positive for society.

Now we believe we may very well have made a mistake and are considering removing and reselling our solar system. The cost of current property taxes seems to outweigh the benefits of the system, including any benefits to society. Although we have seen some progress in the last two years, doing business in rural Michigan is very difficult considering the tax and regulatory burden we face. We employ well over fifty people in relatively high paying jobs and do not believe eliminating jobs to pay for solar energy is worthwhile for us or our community.

We urge you to pass legislation to eliminate counterproductive property taxes on these alternative energy systems.

Sincerely,

David Tubbs